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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.316

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 22003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 1999, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

C1 Claim 1. (Twice Amended) A lighting unit comprising a ring-shaped transparent body for light diffusion and a plurality of illuminants, said transparent body having a light-emission surface [for illuminating a surface of a product to be examined when the product is located at an under side of the lighting unit,] and a light-introduction surface, said plurality of illuminants extending within said transparent body along said light-introduction surface for emitting light from said light-emission surface and for illuminating a surface of a product to be examined when the product is located at an under side of the lighting unit, said transparent body also including a center hole having a first end and a second end, said center hole being open between said first and second ends for performing